CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH APRIL 2016:

The meeting was the **President's evening** at which **Paul Elliot** organised the displays.

In the first half of the evening Paul used material from a 14-volume collection of postcards he had been given. He described the development of manned flight, starting with the balloon. He paid particular attention to the role of aircraft during the First World War, explaining how the advent of war had focused minds and led to the rapid development of air power.

He presented a theory concerning the fire that destroyed the airship the 'Hindenburg', an account that others in the audience had not been aware. He ended this section of his display by showing a postcard of a balloon from the Shrewsbury Air Fair, recounting the time when the F.A. cup ties in Shrewsbury had had their timings changed so as not to clash with the air show.

The second half of Paul's display looked at the stamps of Guernsey issued since postal independence in 1969 through to 2002.

The evening ended with refreshments provided by Paul. Thanks to Paul were expressed by Vice-President, Richard West.

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